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RE: MM Docket No. 99-325

To the Commission:

Oregon Public Broadcasting ("OPB") submits these comments in support of the FCC adopting rules for digital audio broadcasting.

OPB is a public broadcasting network, comprised of five television and six radio stations and over fifty radio and television translators, serving more than ninety percent of all Oregonians.

With digital audio broadcasting, OPB would be able to provide Oregonians with vastly improved radio services. OPB currently offers its listeners a high quality audio signal. However, the improved sound quality and elimination of distorting interference provided by digital audio broadcasting would certainly improve OPB's listeners' experience.

Additionally, a supplemental audio channel would provide OPB with a cost-effective way to expand on the local, diverse programming already offered by OPB. A supplemental audio channel would enable OPB to provide programming to audiences that are currently either underserved or not served at all, including Oregon's rising minority populations. OPB would take advantage of a supplemental audio channel to use existing programs in expanded fashions and to also develop new, more varied and diverse programming formats whose appeal may be more targeted and defined.

OPB and its listeners would greatly value from the benefits of digital audio broadcasting, particularly the supplemental audio channel capacity. OPB strongly advocates for the adoption of rules allowing for digital audio broadcasting.

Respectfully Submitted,

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